

Wednesday, April 5, 1995

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House passed the tax fairness and deficit reduction bill.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5161–S5272

Measures Introduced: Nine bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 675–683, and S. Res. 103–105. Pages S5217–18

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows: S. 510, to extend the authorization for certain programs under the Native American Programs Act of 1974, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 104–28) Page S5217

Measures Passed:

National 4-H Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 100, to proclaim April 5, 1995, as National 4-H Day, and the resolution was then agreed to. Pages S5212–13

FEMA Supplemental Appropriations/Rescissions: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 1158, making emergency supplemental appropriations for additional disaster assistance and making rescissions for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1995, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: Page S5216

Adopted:

Wellstone Amendment No. 450, to express the sense of the Senate that before the Senate votes on block granting WIC to States the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry should investigate whether there is any improper food industry lobbyists' involvement in the transfer of WIC into State-controlled block grants. Page S5216

Dole/McConnell Modified Amendment No. 451 (to Amendment No. 450), to establish debt restructuring and debt relief for Jordan. Page S5216

Pending:

Hatfield Amendment No. 420, in the nature of a substitute. Page S5216

D'Amato Amendment No. 427 (to Amendment No. 420), to require Congressional approval of ag-

gregate annual assistance to any foreign entity using the exchange stabilization fund established under section 5302 of title 31, United States Code, in an amount that exceeds \$5 billion. Page S5216

Murkowski/D'Amato Amendment No. 441 (to Amendment No. 427), of a perfecting nature. Page S5216

Daschle Amendment No. 445 (to Amendment No. 420), in the nature of a substitute. Page S5216

Dole (for Ashcroft) Amendment No. 446 (to Amendment No. 445), in the nature of a substitute. Page S5216

Senate will resume consideration of the bill on Thursday, April 6, 1995, with a vote on a motion to close further debate on Hatfield Amendment No. 420 to occur thereon at 2 p.m.

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Measures Referred: Page S5217

Measures Placed on Calendar: Pages S5175–76, S5217

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Recess: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and recessed at 9:11 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, April 6, 1995. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's RECORD on page S5272.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—NASA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration,

receiving testimony from Daniel S. Goldin, Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday, May 3.

APPROPRIATIONS—AGRICULTURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for the Department of Agriculture, receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Floyd P. Horn, Acting Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics; R. D. Plowman, Administrator, Agricultural Research Service; William Carlson, Acting Administrator, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, John C. Dunmore, Acting Administrator, Economic Research Service; Donald Bay, Administrator, National Agricultural Statistics Service; and Michael L. Young, Director, Budget Control and Analysis Division, all of the Department of Agriculture.

Subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday, April 26.

APPROPRIATIONS—INS/BUREAU OF PRISONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary held hearing on proposed budget estimates for the Department of Justice, receiving testimony in behalf of funds for their respective activities from Doris Meissner, Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service, and Kathleen Hawk, Director, Federal Bureau of Prisons, both of the Department of Justice.

Subcommittee will meet again tomorrow.

APPROPRIATIONS—FAA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for the Federal Aviation Administration, receiving testimony from David Russell Hinson, Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation.

Subcommittee will meet again on Thursday, April 27.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel resumed hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1996 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on the Department of Defense Quality of Life Programs, receiving testimony from Frederick F.Y. Pang, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Force Management Policy; Gen. John H. Tilelli, Jr., USA, Vice

Chief of Army Staff; Adm. Stanley R. Arthur, USN, Vice Chief of Naval Operations; Lt. Gen. Billy J. Boles, USAF, Vice Commander, Air Education and Training Command, U.S. Air Force; Gen. Richard D. Hearnay, USMC, Assistant Commandant, U.S. Marine Corps; and Col. Paul W. Aracari, USAF (Ret.), and Lt. Commander Virginia M. Torsch, USNR, both of The Retired Officers Association, Sgt. Maj. Michael F. Quellette, USA (Ret.), The Non-Commissioned Officers Association, and Sydney T. Hickey, National Military Family Association, all of Alexandria, Virginia.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

NATO

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Airland Forces held hearings on the future of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), receiving testimony from Walter B. Slocombe, Under Secretary of Defense for Policy; Lt. Gen. Wesley K. Clark, USA, Director for Strategic Plans and Policy (J-5), Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; and Richard Holbrooke, Assistant Secretary of State for European and Canadian Affairs.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

FEDERAL FOREST MANAGEMENT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Forest and Public Land Management resumed oversight hearings to review Federal forest management issues, focusing on the status of national forest plan revisions and the Administration's development of ecoregion-based biological assessments, receiving testimony from Jack Ward Thomas, Chief, Gray Reynolds, Deputy Chief, National Forest System; Jim Perry, Office of General Counsel; Chris Risbrudt, Acting Director, Ecosystem Management; Jeff Blackwood and Steven Mealey, Directors, Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Project; Forrest Carpenter, Director, Southern Appalachian Assessment; and James Space, Director, Sierra Nevada Assessment, all of the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Mark Rasmussen, Timber Data Company, Eugene, Oregon; Michael Anderson, Seattle, Washington, and Louis Blumberg, San Francisco, California, both of The Wilderness Society; Jeff Kessler, Biodiversity Associates, Laramie, Wyoming; James C. Geisinger, Northwest Forestry Association, and Rick Brown, National Wildlife Federation, both of Portland, Oregon; Bill Snyder, Fibreboard Corporation, Standard, California; Dave Van De Graaff, Boise Cascade Corporation, Emmett, Idaho; Jack Swanner, T & S Hardwoods, Sylva, North Carolina; and James E. Loesel, Southern Appalachia Forest Coalition, Roanoke, Virginia.

Hearings will continue on Wednesday, April 26.

SUPERFUND REFORM

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Superfund, Waste Control, and Risk Assessment resumed oversight hearings on the implementation of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (P.L. 102-426), focusing on Superfund cleanup standards, receiving testimony from Elliott P. Laws, Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, Environmental Protection Agency; Curtis C. Travis, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, Tennessee; Steven J. Milloy, National Environmental Policy Institute, and Linda E. Greer, Natural Resources Defense Council, both of Washington, D.C.; Philip J. O'Brien, New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, Concord; Milton Russell, University of Tennessee, Knoxville; Michael S. Parr, DuPont Company, Wilmington, Delaware, on behalf of the Chemical Manufacturers Association; Richard A. Brown, Groundwater Technology, Inc., Trenton, New Jersey, on behalf of the Biotechnology Industry Organization and Groundwater Technology, Inc.; Robert W. Frantz, General Electric Company, Fairfield, Connecticut; Paul A. Miskimin, Jacobs Engineering Group Inc., Pasadena, California; and Marcia E. Williams, Williams and Vanino, Inc., Los Angeles, California.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

TAX REFORM: FLAT TAX

Committee on Finance: Committee held hearings to discuss issues relating to flat tax rate proposals, receiving testimony from Senators Mack and Shelby; Alan J. Auerbach, University of California, Berkeley; Bruce Bartlett, National Center for Policy Analysis, Alexandria, Virginia; and Joel B. Slemrod, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee continued hearings to examine tax refund fraud, focusing on the earned income tax credit and the Internal Revenue Service's efforts to detect and prevent erroneous claims, receiving testimony from Senator Nickles; Leslie B. Samuels, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Tax Policy; Ismael Gonzalez, New York, New York, former Special Assistant United States Attorney; Deborah Walker, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Marvin H. Kisters, American Enterprise Institute, and Robert Greenstein, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, all of Washington, D.C.; George K. Yin, University of Virginia School of Law, Charlottesville; John Karl Scholz, University of Wisconsin, Madison; and Donald R. Huston, Dover, Delaware.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Maxine M. Chesney, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California; Curtis L. Collier, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee; Eldon E. Fallon, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana; Joseph Robert Goodwin, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of West Virginia; and Joe Bradley Pigott, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Mississippi.

Also, committee began markup of S. 343, to reform the Federal regulatory process, but did not complete action thereon, and will continue tomorrow.

BASEBALL ANTITRUST REFORM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition approved for full committee consideration S. 627, to require the general application of the antitrust laws to major league baseball.

FDA

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee held hearings to examine activities of the Food and Drug Administration, focusing on the challenges and opportunities facing the pharmaceutical, biotech, medical device, and food industries, and FDA's regulation of these industries, receiving testimony from Charles C. Edwards, Scripps Research Institute, La Jolla, California, former Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration; Mark Novitch, George Washington University Medical Center, Washington, D.C., former Acting Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration; Edward M. Scolnick, Merck and Company, Inc., West Point, Pennsylvania; George B. Rathmann, ICOS Corporation, Bothell, Washington; David M. Steinhaus, Mid America Heart Institute, Kansas City, Missouri; and Michael W. Pariza, University of Wisconsin, Madison.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

INDIAN WELFARE

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded oversight hearings to discuss Federal funding to Indian tribal governments for welfare and social service programs, after receiving testimony from Mary Jo Bane, Assistant Secretary for Children and Families, and George F. Grob, Deputy Inspector General for Evaluation and Inspections, both of the Department of Health and Human Services; New Mexico State Representative Nick Salazar, Santa Fe; Bobby Whitefeather, Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians,

Red Lake, Minnesota; Beltrami County Commissioner Richard P. Florhaug, Bemidji, Minnesota; Harry D. Early, All Indian Pueblo Council, Inc., Albuquerque, New Mexico; Mark Mercier, Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde, Grand Ronde, Oregon; Joan Rebar, Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri, Reserve, Kansas, on behalf of the United Tribes of Kansas and Southeast Nebraska and the Native American Family Services; Thomas E. Atcitty, Navajo Nation, Window Rock, Arizona; and Merle Boyd, Sac and Fox Nation, Stroud, Oklahoma.

GUATEMALA

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held hearings to examine United States policy in Guatemala, focusing on allegations of United States involvement in the murders of two individuals in Guatemala, receiving testimony from Alexander F. Watson, Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs; Adm. William O. Studeman, Acting Director of Central Intelligence; Col. Allen C. Cornell, USA (Ret.), former United States Defense Attache in Guatemala; and Carole DeVine and Jennifer Harbury, widows of slain individuals.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 23 public bills, H.R. 1397–1419; 1 private bill, H.R. 1420; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 57, and H. Res. 131 were introduced.

Pages H4335–36

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H. Res. 129, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 889, making emergency supplemental appropriations and rescissions to preserve and enhance the military readiness of the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1995 (H. Rept. 104–102); and

H. Res. 130, providing for the consideration of H.R. 483, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to permit Medicare Select policies to be offered in the States (H. Rept. 104–103). Pages H4329, H4334

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Camp to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H4179

Journal: By a yea-and-nay vote of 384 yeas to 27 nays with 2 voting “present”, Roll No. 288, the House approved the Journal of Tuesday, April 4.

Pages H4179–80

Tax Fairness and Deficit Reduction: By a recorded vote of 246 yeas to 188 noes, Roll No. 295, the House passed H.R. 1215, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to strengthen the American family and create jobs.

Pages H4213–H4319

Agreed to the Archer motion to table an appeal of a ruling of the chair (agreed to by a recorded vote of 228 yeas to 204 noes, Roll No. 294). Page H4317

Rejected the Gephardt motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with in-

structions to report it back forthwith containing amendments providing that the retirement system be changed only for Members of Congress; delete tax benefits other than a middle class family tax credit; and that family tax credits be contingent upon successful deficit reduction (rejected by a recorded vote of 168 yeas to 265 noes, Roll No. 293).

Pages H4311–15

Agreed to the amendment in the nature of a substitute (text of H.R. 1327) made in order by the rule.

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Rejected the Gephardt amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to provide tax deductions for low-income families to support costs of higher education; create a new type of savings bonds called “Guaranteed Education Plan Bonds”; provide for penalty-free withdrawal of current IRAs to pay for higher education costs, raise the eligibility limit to \$85,000 for couples filing a joint return and to \$60,000 for single taxpayers and phase in an additional \$2,000 deduction contribution for spouses; establish a new nondeductible tax-free IRA subject to current law income eligibility requirements; delay the effective dates of these tax provisions until the Office of Management and Budget certified the Federal budget will be balanced by fiscal year 2002 and suspends them if the Federal budget deficit does not meet specific reduction targets; extend the PAYGO provision through fiscal year 2000 and reduce mandatory caps on discretionary spending for fiscal years 1996–1998 and extend them through fiscal year 2000; permit the Internal Revenue Service to tax estates of expatriates who renounce their citizenship; and establish new reporting requirements for residents and citizens who move assets into or receive

income from foreign trusts (rejected by a recorded vote of 119 ayes to 313 noes, Roll No. 292).

Pages H4290–H4311

H. Res. 128, the rule under which the bill was being considered, was agreed to earlier by a recorded vote of 228 ayes to 204 noes, Roll No. 290. Agreed to order the previous question on the resolution by a yea-and-nay vote of 230 yeas to 203 nays, Roll No. 289.

Pages H4192–H4212

Committees to Sit: The following committees and their subcommittees received permission to sit on Thursday, April 6, during the proceedings of the House under the 5-minute rule: Committees on Agriculture, Banking and Financial Services, Government Reform and Oversight, International Relations, Judiciary, National Security, Small Business, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Veterans' Affairs.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on page H4180.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One quorum call (Roll No. 291), two yea-and-nay votes and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H4179–80, H4211–12, H4212, H4308, H4311, H4314–15, H4317, and H4318–19.

Adjournment: Met at 11:00 a.m. and adjourned at 12:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 6.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies concluded appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Dan Glickman, Secretary of Agriculture.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary (and Related Agencies) held a hearing on Overview of International Trade Promotion and Enforcement Programs. Testimony was heard from Ambassador Michael Kantor, U.S. Trade Representative; the following officials of the Department of Commerce: Jeffrey E. Garten, Under Secretary, International Trade; Greg Farmer, Under Secretary, Travel and Tourism; William S. Reinsch, Under Secretary, Export Administration; and Susan Esserman, Assistant Secretary, Import Administration, International Trade Administration; Mary Jean Ryan, Associate Deputy

Administrator, Economic Development, SBA; and Peter S. Watson, Chairman, U.S. International Trade Commission.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior (and Related Agencies) held a hearing on the National Endowment for the Arts. Testimony was heard from Jane Alexander, Chairman, National Endowment for the Arts, National Foundation for the Arts and the Humanities.

LABOR, HHS, AND EDUCATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education (and Related Agencies) held a hearing on National Mediation Board and Railroad Retirement Board, Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, Physician Payment Review Commission, and on the Prospective Payment Assessment Commission. Testimony was heard from Ernest W. DuBester, Chairman, National Mediation Board; Glen L. Bower, Chairman, Railroad Retirement Board; Stuart E. Weisberg, Chairman, Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission; John M. Gisenberg, M.D., Chairman, Physician Payment Review Commission; and Stuart A. Altman, Chairman, Prospective Payment Assessment Commission.

NATIONAL SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on National Security met in executive session to hold a hearing on Russian and other Submarine Threats and Navy Submarine Programs. Testimony was heard from Ken Knight, Deputy, National Intelligence Officer, General Purpose Forces, National Intelligence Council; and the following officials of the Department of the Navy: Nora Slatkin, Assistant Secretary (Research, Development and Acquisition); Adm. Bruce LeMars, USN, Director, Naval Nuclear Propulsion; and Vice Adm. T. Joseph Lopez, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Resources, Warfare Requirements and Assessment).

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Submarine Industry Perspectives. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

VA, HUD AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Veterans' Affairs, Housing and Urban Development and Independent Agencies continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress and public witnesses.

FINANCIAL SERVICES COMPETITIVENESS ACT

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Concluded hearings on the following: H.R. 1062, Financial Services Competitiveness Act of 1995; Glass-Steagall Reform; and related issues. Testimony was heard from Paul A. Volcker, former Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; and public witnesses.

RYAN WHITE CARE ACT REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and Environment held a hearing on the reauthorization of the Ryan White CARE Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Gunderson and Barrett of Wisconsin; Philip R. Lee, M.D., Assistant Secretary, Health, Department of Health and Human Services; William Scanlon, Associate Director, Medicaid and Intergovernmental Relations, Health, Education and Human Services Division, GAO; Diana Jones-Ritter, Deputy Director, Office of Public Health, Department of Health, State of New York; and public witnesses.

NULLIFY EXECUTIVE ORDER PROHIBITING FEDERAL CONTRACTS WITH COMPANIES HIRING PERMANENT REPLACEMENTS FOR STRIKING EMPLOYEES

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities: Held a hearing on Executive Order 12954, and H.R. 1176, to nullify an Executive order that prohibits Federal contracts with companies that hire permanent replacements for striking employees. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CONTRACTING OUT

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Civil Service continued hearings on Contracting Out: Part 2. Testimony was heard from Delegate Norton; and public witnesses.

FRANKING REFORM

Committee on House Oversight: Held a hearing on Franking Reform. Testimony was heard from Representatives Upton, Davis, Hutchinson, Goss, Castle, Greenwood, LaHood, and Portman; and public witnesses.

SENSE OF CONGRESS RESOLUTION—VISIT BY PRESIDENT OF CHINA; ADMINISTRATION'S INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on International Relations: Ordered reported amended H. Con. Res. 53, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding a private visit by President

Lee Teng-hui of the Republic of China on Taiwan to the United States.

The Committee also continued hearings on the Administration's International Affairs Budget Request. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SENSE OF CONGRESS RESOLUTION—VISIT BY PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific approved for full Committee action amended the following measures: H. Con. Res. 53, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding a private visit by President Lee Teng-hui of the Republic of China on Taiwan to the United States; and H.J. Res. 83, relating to the United States—North Korea Agreed Framework and the obligations of North Korea under that and previous agreements with respect to the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula and dialog with the Republic of Korea.

CASES CHALLENGING CONSTITUTIONALITY OF MEASURES PASSED BY STATE REFERENDUM BE HEARD BY THREE-JUDGE COURT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property held a hearing on H.R. 1170, to provide that cases challenging the constitutionality of measures passed by State referendum be heard by a three-judge court. Testimony was heard from Harry T. Edwards, Chief Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit; and public witnesses.

GOVERNMENT POLICIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE SECOND AMENDMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime continued hearings on Gun Laws, Part 2, the Right to Keep and Bear Arms. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims held an oversight hearing on the impact of illegal immigration on public benefit programs and the American labor force. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Ordered reported amended the following bills: H.R. 541, Atlantic Tunas Convention Act of 1995; H.R. 1139, to amend the Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act; H.R. 1141, Sikes Act Improvement Amendments of 1995; H.R. 1175, Marine Resources Revitalization Act of 1995; and H.R. 1266, Greens Creek Land Exchange Act of 1995.

RONGELAP RECOVERY AND COMMUNITY SELF-RELIANCE ACT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Native American and Insular Affairs approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 1332, Rongelap Recovery and Community Self-Reliance Act.

DEFENSE SUPPLEMENTAL; RESCISSIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report on H.R. 889, making emergency supplemental appropriations and rescissions to preserve and enhance the military readiness of the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1995; and against its consideration. Testimony was heard from Chairman Livingston and Representative Young of Florida.

MEDICARE SELECT POLICIES OFFERED IN STATES

Committee on Rules: By a recorded vote of 7 to 4, granted a modified closed rule providing for one hour of general debate on H.R. 483, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to permit Medicare Select policies to be offered in all States. The rule waives clause 2(l)(6) of rule XI (requiring three-day availability of committee reports) against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order the text of H.R. 1391 as an original bill for amendment purposes. The rule provides for one amendment in the nature of a substitute by Representative Dingell of Michigan or a designee, which is not amendable and subject to one hour of debate. The rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. The rule permits the filing of the report by the Committee on Commerce on H.R. 483 at any time. Testimony was heard from Chairman Bliley and Representatives Johnson of Connecticut, Dingell, Waxman, and Furse.

SBA'S SURETY BOND PROGRAM

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Procurement, Exports, and Business Opportunities held a hearing on the SBA's Surety Bond Program. Testimony was heard from Jim Wells, Associate Director, Housing and Community Development Issues, GAO; Dorothy D. Kleeschulte, Associate Director, Surety Guarantees, SBA; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct: Met in executive session to consider pending business.

COAST GUARD AUTHORIZATION ACT; PIPELINE SAFETY ACT; CLEAN WATER AMENDMENTS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Ordered reported amended the following bills: H.R. 1361,

Coast Guard Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1996; and H.R. 1323, Pipeline Safety Act of 1995.

The Committee also continued markup of H.R. 961, Clean Water Amendments of 1995.

Will continue tomorrow.

Joint Meetings

MINIMUM WAGE

Joint Economic Committee: Committee resumed hearings to examine issues relating to a proposed increase in the minimum wage, receiving testimony from Richard Berman, Employment Policies Institute, and Gary Burtless, Brookings Institution, both of Washington, D.C.; David Neumark, Michigan State University, East Lansing; Daniel S. Hamermesh, University of Texas, Austin; and Bruce Blakeman, The Wirthlin Group, McLean, Virginia.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

CRISIS IN RWANDA AND BURUNDI

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Foreign Relations' Subcommittee on African Affairs concluded joint hearings with the House Committee on International Relations' Subcommittee on African Affairs to examine the current crisis situation in Rwanda and Burundi, after receiving testimony from Senator Simon; Townsend B. Friedman, Jr., Special Coordinator for Rwanda, and Arlene Ronder, Director, Office of Central African Affairs, both of the Department of State; Herman J. Cohen, Global Coalition for Africa, and Julia Taft, American Council for Voluntary International Action, both of Washington, D.C.; and Alison Des Forges, Human Rights Watch/Africa, New York, New York.

EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 889, making emergency supplemental appropriations and rescissions to preserve and enhance the military readiness of the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1995.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 1995

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for the Department of Defense, focusing on Navy and Marine Corps programs, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for

fiscal year 1996 for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the National Institute of Standards and Technology, both of the Department of Commerce, 10:30 a.m., S-146, Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Acquisition and Technology, to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1996 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on the implementation of acquisition management reform, 2 p.m., SR-232A.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, Subcommittee on Securities, to hold hearings to examine securities litigation reform proposals, 3 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, business meeting, to mark up S. 565, to regulate interstate commerce by providing for a uniform product liability law, 9 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works, Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to resume hearings on S. 440, to provide for the designation of the National Highway System, focusing on issues related to the Woodrow Wilson Bridge and the innovative financing of transportation facilities, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance, to hold hearings to examine issues related to the Consumer Price Index, 9:30 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on the Judiciary, business meeting, to continue markup of S. 343, to reform the Federal regulatory process, 8 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the right to own property, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, business meeting, to mark up S. 454, to reform the health care liability system and improve health care quality through the establishment of quality assurance programs; to be followed by hearings to continue to examine activities of the Department of Health and Human Services' Food and Drug Administration, focusing on the future of American biomedical and food industries, 9 a.m., SD-430.

NOTICE

For a Listing of Senate Committee Meetings Scheduled ahead, see page E793 in today's RECORD.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Resource Conservation, Research, and Forestry, hearing on Agricultural Wetlands and Wetland Issues in the 1995 Farm Bill, 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary (and Related Agencies), on Staffing and Operation of Overseas Missions, 10 a.m., and on Department of Justice Prisons and Related Issues, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Interior (and Related Agencies), on Holocaust Memorial Council and Bureau of Land Management, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education (and Related Agencies), on Members of Congress, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., and on Armed Forces Retirement Home, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, on Readiness Issues, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Veterans' Affairs and Housing, Urban Development and Independent Agencies, on Congressional and Public Witnesses, 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, Subcommittee on General Oversight and Investigations, hearing on the Administration's Response to the Mexican Financial Crisis, 10 a.m., 2222 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing on HUD Reinvention: From Blueprint, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations, oversight hearing on the Department of Education: Opportunities for Cost Savings, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs, and Criminal Justice, hearing on the Effectiveness of the National Drug Control Strategy and the Status of the Current Drug War, 8 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, hearings on Middle East Overview and United States Assistance to the Palestinians, 2:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa, hearing on the Threat of Islamic Extremism in Africa, 10 a.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, hearing on International Terrorism: Threats and Responses, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on National Security, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, executive, to receive a briefing on the Ranger training deaths, 1 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Procurement, to continue hearings on the fiscal year 1996 national defense authorization request, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Special Oversight Panel on the Merchant Marine, hearing on Maritime Security Program, 2 p.m., 2216 Rayburn.

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Committee on Transportation, to continue markup of H.R. 961, Clean Water Amendments of 1995, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

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Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee, to hold hearings to examine the economic effects of a proposed \$500-per-child expanded family tax credit, 10 a.m., SD-562.

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9:30 a.m., Thursday, April 6

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Program for Thursday: Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 1158, FEMA Supplemental Appropriations, with a vote on a motion to close further debate on Hatfield Amendment No. 420, in the nature of a substitute, to occur thereon at 2 p.m.

Senate may also consider H.R. 1345, D.C. Financial Board, Conference Report on H.R. 889, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations/Defense; H.R. 1240, Sexual Crimes Against Children Protection Act; and any cleared executive calendar business.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, April 6

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of H.R. 660, Housing for Older Persons Act of 1995 (open rule, 1 hour of general debate);

Consideration of conference report of H.R. 889, Department of Defense emergency supplemental appropriations and rescissions (rule waiving points of order);

Consideration of the rule only on H.R. 483, Medicare Selected Policy Act (modified closed rule, 1 hour of general debate).

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